

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4450-01  
Bill No.: HB 1212  
Subject: Motor Vehicles; Weights and Measures; Transportation  
Type: Original  
Date: January 23, 2012

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Bill Summary: This proposal changes the laws regarding weight limitations for vehicles hauling livestock or agricultural products on state highways.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Road Fund	(Unknown greater than \$100,000)	(Unknown greater than \$100,000)	(Unknown greater than \$100,000)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>(Unknown greater than \$100,000)</b>	<b>(Unknown greater than \$100,000)</b>	<b>(Unknown greater than \$100,000)</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Agriculture, Department of Revenue and Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

Officials from the **Department of Transportation (MoDOT)** assume the increase in allowable weights would result in increased damage to bridges. Additionally, it would reduce the life expectancy of some of the MoDOT's bridges. There is really no good way to quantify this issue in terms of dollar amount.

The increased allowable weights will result in an increase in the number of MoDOT's bridges requiring postings for legal loads. It is estimated that the number of MoDOT bridges requiring some type of posting would increase by 20%. Posting signs would have to be installed at these locations, so there would be a cost associated with this. An unknown number of existing postings signs would require updating.

MoDOT assumes an annual cost relating to this proposal of more than \$100,000 to the Road Fund.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>ROAD FUND</b>			
<u>Cost</u> - Department of Transportation increased maintenance and signage	(Unknown greater than <u>\$100,000</u> )	(Unknown greater than <u>\$100,000</u> )	(Unknown greater than <u>\$100,000</u> )
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON ROAD FUND</b>	<b>(Unknown greater than <u>\$100,000</u>)</b>	<b>(Unknown greater than <u>\$100,000</u>)</b>	<b>(Unknown greater than <u>\$100,000</u>)</b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small business associated with the livestock industry could be positively impacted by this proposal if it would result in a reduction in transportation costs.

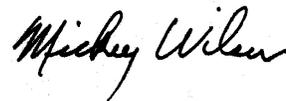
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Currently, the total gross weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles hauling livestock on U. S. Highway 36 from St. Joseph to U. S. Highway 65 and on U. S. Highway 65 from the Iowa state line to U. S. Highway 36 cannot exceed 85,500 pounds. This bill removes the specified highways and applies this weight limitation to any vehicle hauling livestock or agricultural products except local log trucks on any highway of this state. The weight limits will not apply to vehicles operated on the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Transportation  
Department of Revenue  
Department of Agriculture  
Department of Public Safety



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